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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN AND TREASURER
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
OF THE
TOWN OF DURHAM,
FOR
THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

DOVER, N. H.:
DOVER ENQUIRER PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.
1883.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES FOR 1882.

SCHOOLS.

Paid Samuel Rundlett, jr., Com. Dist. No. 1,.....	\$366 71
William F Jones, " " " 2,.....	130 98
Samuel Emerson, " " " 3,.....	91 81
John J Bunker, " " " 4,.....	205 99
Mehitabel A Pendergast " " " 5,.....	160 75
Eli Edgerly, " " " 6,.....	40 64
Anna M Kent, " " " 7,.....	166 64
Levi Davis, " " " 8,.....	134 18
Bradford L Kingman, " " " 9,.....	38 38
James H Long, " " " 10,.....	156 23
Forrest S Smith, for map of United States,...	3 75
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	\$1,496 06

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid Solon A Carter, State Tax,.....	\$1,640 00
Harry Hough, County Tax,.....	1,928 14
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	\$3,568 14

SCHOOL HOUSE TAXES.

Paid Joshua B Smith, in part for Dist. No. 1, for 1881, \$31 48	
Frank J Bunker, in full " " 4, " " 11 46	
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	\$42 94

GEORGE FROST TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

Paid Albert Young, Treasurer of G F T Association
 interest on the legacy of the late George Frost,
 received on ten shares of Boston & Albany R
 R, to Jan 1, 1883,..... \$260 00

DAMAGE BY DOGS FOR THE YEAR 1881,
OUTSTANDING.

Paid Sarah C Dudley, for 1 Sheep and 2 Lambs,....	\$10 00
John Drew, for 1 Lamb,.....	5 55
John Sullivan, for 2 Sheep,.....	12 00
Alfred T Joy, " 2 "	10 00
Frank Randall, " 2 "	10 00
James McDaniel, for 7 Sheep,.....	28 00
Daniel Chesley, " 1 "	2 50
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	\$78 05

DAMAGE BY DOGS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

Paid John S Chesley, for 1 Sheep,.....	\$4 00
H H Dame, for 3 Turkeys,.....	2 25
George Fowler, for 2 Sheep,.....	8 00
Charles H Mathes, for 1 Lamb,.....	4 50
S C Dudley, for 2 Lambs,.....	9 00
Comfort C Jones, for 2 Turkeys,.....	2 50
Ann M Davis, for Chickens,.....	3 00
John P Emerson, for 14 Turkeys,.....	17 50
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	\$50 75

BOUNTIES.

Paid Linville F Langmaid, for 22 Crows,.....	\$2 20
Mark H Mathes, " 68 "	6 80
George A Carr, " 43 "	4 30
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	\$13 30

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid J P Bancroft, for board and expense of Wm K
 Chesley at N H Asylum, to Jan 1, 1883,.... \$161 36

Paid Valentine Mathes, 2d, for supplies furnished Aaron Corson,.....	\$57 50
Wm P Frost, for house rent for John B. Chesley,.....	16 00
Alvin Jackson, for supplies furnished Aaron Corson,.....	16 58
Mathes & Carr, for supplies furnished Aaron Corson,.....	72 80
Dr J Low Elkins, for medical attendance on Aaron Corson's family,.....	14 20
Dr C A Morse, for medical attendance on Aaron Corson's family,.....	8 00
Benjamin Emerson, for support of Albert H Emerson,.....	7 54
W S Meserve, for $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood for Mary McDaniel,.....	1 75
Alvin Jackson, for supplies furnished Mary McDaniel,.....	17 85
Alvin Jackson, for supplies furnished for support of Albert H Emerson,.....	70 46
Albert Young, for keeping 11 transcients,.....	2 75
Mark H Mathes, for carrying Alfred E Davis to County Farm,.....	3 00
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	\$449 79

NON RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX WORKED.

Paid Jabez H Stevens, for non resident highway tax worked,.....	\$77 89
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ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid W J Spinney, for iron work for Bunker's bridge,..	\$4 00
Nathaniel Edgerly, for work in Dist No 25,.....	5 00
Forrest S Smith, for work on Bunker's bridge,..	12 75
John E Thompson, for repairs on highway,.....	6 00
Nicholas Drew, for work on highway,.....	3 75
Demeritt & Burnham, for 5924 feet plank,.....	77 01
Frank E Giles, for work on bridge,.....	25
W S Meserve, for 150 feet pine stringers,.....	1 50
W S Meserve, for 13 loads gravel,.....	1 30
W S Meserve, for 119 hours' work on road,.....	17 85
Eben M Davis, for planking Packer's Falls bridge,	2 00

Paid Eben M Davis, for railing bridge, and rails furnished,.....	\$3 50
Eben M Davis, for railing the road in D Woodman's District,.....	3 50
Ira B Hill, for labor on highway,.....	15 00
Lucien Thompson, for repairing bridge,.....	1 86
Daniel A Woodman , for hauling 3000 feet bridge plank,.....	3 75
Samuel Rundlett, for surveying 5924 feet plank,.	75
Thomas H Wiswall, for labor on dry bridge,....	15 01
Levi Davis, for labor on highway,.....	4 50
W S Meserve, for 876 feet pine plank,.....	10 51
J S Burnham, for 8 loads of gravel,.....	16 00
David A Stevens, for labor on highway,.....	12 30
H A Mathes, for 1 gondola load of gravel for Bridge road,.....	10 00
Forrest S Smith, for work on highway in Wm F Jones' Dist,.....	3 00
John S Chesley, for work on highway in Wm F Jones' Dist,.....	3 38
John S Chesley, for gravel,.....	4 50
Israel P Church, for work on Falls bridge,.....	1 50
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	\$240 47

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Paid W S Meserve, for use of plow on Mill road,....	\$1 00
Daniel A Woodman, for breaking roads in 1881,	6 25
B J Emerson, for shovelling snow,.....	1 00
Hilliard F Fogg, for shovelling snow,.....	56
Dr S H Greene, for vaccination, vaccine matter, &c,.....	128 95
Nicholas Drew, for breaking roads,.....	4 00
Leonard B Bunker, " "	6 91
Libbey & Co, for printing town accounts,.....	18 00
Walter C Davis, for watching the body of Peter Duval, April 9th, 1880,.....	2 00
George O Hodgdon, for breaking roads and relaying culvert in 1881,.....	4 18
Jose W Woodman, for breaking roads,.....	10 44
Jose W Woodman, for hauling and laying bridge plank,.....	1 50
T H Wiswall & Co, for breaking roads,.....	5 87

Paid T H Wiswall & Co, for labor on dry bridge near Wiswall's mill,.....	\$2 80
John Sullivan, for breaking roads,.....	2 00
J S Burnham, for his poll tax refunded for 1881, (over 70 years,).....	95
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	\$196 41

REPAIRS ON TOWN BUILDING.

Paid John E Moring, for tending mason,.....	\$ 75
Frank E Giles, " " "	5 32
W P Hayes & Son, for sundry materials,.....	50 10
John J Bunker, for 12 3-4 days' work,.....	31 87
C L Jenness, for hardware,.....	9 84
J B Folsom & Co, for paints and oil,.....	14 57
W J Spinney, for iron work for store,.....	2 75
John S Cater, for 2 days' work,.....	5 00
George O Hodgdon, for paint and painting,.....	24 05
Valentine Mathes, 2d, for nails,.....	59
Wm B Langmaid, for 4 window caps and sills,...	12 00
Demeritt & Burnham, for 54 feet plank,.....	81
Mathes & Carr, for 1 square glass and 1 broom,.	35
Nathaniel Stevens, for furnishing and drawing 1 load sand,.....	1 50
John B York, for 3 3-4 days' work,.....	9 38
Mark H Mathes, for cleaning cellar of town hall,	4 50
Mark H Mathes, for lime and cement,.....	2 35
Mark H Mathes, for freight paid Boston & Maine R R,.....	75
Mark H Mathes, for 330 feet of boards,.....	5 25
Mark H Mathes, for overseeing repairs on store,.	5 00
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	\$186 73

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Ira B Hill, for 20 hours,.....	\$3 00
Albert Young, for 5 hours,.....	75
Darius Stevens, for 21 hours,.....	3 15
Charles A Mathes, for 40 hours,.....	6 00
Daniel T Woodman, 52 "	7 80
W S Meserve, 47 "	7 05
Eben M Davis, 24 "	3 60

Paid John R Meader,	for 6 hours,	.....	\$ 90
Nathaniel Edgerly,	51	"	7 65
John E Thompson,	42 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	6 38
Leonard B Bunker,	40 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	6 08
Daniel Chesley, jr,	50	"	7 50
Lucien Thompson,	15	"	4 65
Daniel A Woodman,	12	"	1 80
Levi Davis,	19	"	2 92
Jabez H Stevens,	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	4 72
Mark H Mathes,	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	5 02
David A Stevens,	20	"	3 00
Wm F Jones,	40	"	6 00
James D Meader,	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	5 77
Forrest S Smith,	130	"	19 57
John Drew,	8	"	1 20

\$141 51

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Joshua B Smith, for 1 ballot box,	.....	\$1 75
Frank E Giles, for cleaning Selectmen's office,	...	1 00
Alfred Langley, for cleaning town hall,	.....	2 00
Joshua B Smith, for inkstand and ink,	.....	1 00
E J Lane & Co, for books and stationery,	.....	10 46
Thomas W Willey, for varnishing and repairing	hearse,	..... 22 00
Frank Bennett, for damages sustained by being	thrown from his wagon,	..... 25 00
T Carrol Hovey, for stationery for the Town	Treasurer,	..... 50
W J Spinney, for repairing wagon for Frank Ben-	nett,	..... 3 50
W J Spinney, for sharpening bars,	.....	30
E J Moring, for cleaning Selectmen's office and	taking care of the town hall to Dec 2, 1882,	... 4 10
Mark H Mathes, for 12 settees for town hall,	...	24 00
Mathes & Carr, for $\frac{1}{2}$ quire paper for Selectmen's	office,	..... 12
Frank E Giles, for services as Selectman,	.....	42 00
Albert Young, for use of wagon for Frank Bennett,		3 00
Albert Young, for services as Police Officer,	...	15 00
Joshua B Smith, for services as Selectman and	cash paid out,	..... 45 91

Paid J W E Thompson, for cash paid for express charges	
on money sent to Concord,.....	\$1 00
Samuel Rundlett, jr, for services as Town Clerk,.	24 57
H A Mathes, for services as Supervisor,.....	12 00
John B Griffith, " " 	12 00
Eben M Davis, " " 	12 00
J W E Thompson, for services as Treasurer,....	40 00
J W E Thompson, for copying town accounts	
from March 1, 1879, to March 1, 1882, for a	
separate account for the Selectmen,.....	15 00
Jabez H Stevens, for services as Tax Collector,..	50 00
Jabez H Stevens, for tax blanks,.....	2 50
Mark H Mathes, for services with County Com-	
missioners in September,.....	5 00
Mark H Mathes, for services as Selectman,....	42 00
Mark H Mathes, for services as Overseer of Poor,	25 00
Mark H Mathes, for services and expense going	
to Concord to settle State Tax,.....	5 00
John Drew, for services as Truant Officer,.....	6 00
John Drew, for services as Police Officer,.....	5 00
Forrest S Smith, for services as Superintendent of	
Schools,.....	40 00
Forrest S Smith, for books for indigent scholars,.	75
James W Burnham, for amount paid J G Hall for	
advice in the Hoitt case,.....	10 00
James W Burnham, for amount paid for witness	
fees in the Hoitt case,.....	13 50
James W Burnham, for amount paid Samuel	
Wheeler for services in the Hoitt case,.....	76 71
James W Burnham, for expense attending Hoitt	
case,.....	20 00
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	\$619 67

ABATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1880, IN J. W.
BURNHAM'S LIST.

George W Smart,.....	\$2 06
Samuel Thompson,.....	2 40
Robert Francis' heirs, dog,.....	2 00
Thomas H Walker,.....	1 17
Charles A Berry,.....	96
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	\$8 59

ABATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1881, IN J. W.
BURNHAM'S LIST.

Orin F Jones,.....	\$1 02
Moses B Langley,.....	1 02
Joshua Pinkham,.....	2 22
Charles E Williams,.....	2 18
Nathaniel Yeaton,.....	1 02
Edward H Brown, dog,.....	1 00
Charles M Ham,.....	3 26
George W Long,.....	95
Lewis J Cummings, dog,.....	1 00
Hilare Gilbert,.....	1 42
Hiram Mooers,.....	95
George H Corson, dog,.....	2 00
Andrew W Francis,	95
Susan R Wilson,.....	5 10
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	\$24 09

ABATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1882, IN JABEZ
H. STEVENS' LIST.

John P Giles' heirs,.....	\$3 40
Orin F Jones,.....	85
George E Langley,.....	85
Joshua F Pinkham,.....	1 93
Ezekiel Witham,.....	85
Gilman Stacey,.....	85
Jonathan Brown,.....	85
William Paul,.....	1 56
Edward H Brown,	85
Sarah Drew,.....	42
Aaron Corson,.....	1 61
Nathaniel P Wiggin,.....	62
James G Hutchinson, dog,.....	1 00
Andrew W Francis,.....	85
Frank J Davis,.....	85
Anson B Davis,.....	85
Joseph S Burnham, poll over 70 years,	85
Joseph S Burnham, for 2 horses,.....	1 36
Richard Follett,.....	85
Job R Giles,.....	85

Rebecca French,	42
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	\$22 52

AUDITORS.

Paid Charles E Hoitt, for services as Auditor,	\$2 00
Lucien Thompson, “ “ 	2 00
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	\$4 00

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid Schools,	\$1,496 06
State and County taxes,	3,568 14
School House taxes,	42 94
George Frost Temperance Association,	260 00
Damage by Dogs for 1881,	78 05
Damage by Dogs for 1882	50 75
Bounties,	13 30
Support of Poor,	449 79
Non Resident Highway Tax worked,	77 89
Roads and Bridges,	240 47
Outstanding Bills,	196 41
Repairs on Town Building,	186 73
Breaking Roads,	114 51
General Expenses,	619 67
Abatements for the year 1880,	8 59
Abatements for the year 1881,	24 09
Abatements for the year 1882,	22 52
Auditors,	4 00
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	\$7,453 91

MARK H. MATHES,	} SELECTMEN
JOSHUA B. SMITH,	
FRANK E. GILES,	
	OF
	DURHAM.

DURHAM, N. H., March 1, 1883.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

CHARLES E. HOITT,	} AUDITORS.
LUCIEN THOMPSON,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF DURHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER.

TOWN TO THE TREASURER CREDIT FOR RECEIPTS

By Cash in the Treasury March 1, 1882,.....	\$367 08
Outstanding in Collector's list for 1880,.....	37 15
“ “ “ “ 1881,.....	388 81
Resident taxes,.....	4,277 55
Non Resident taxes,.....	336 12
Non Resident highway taxes,.....	98 80
Dog taxes,.....	61 00
Railroad tax,.....	265 77
Savings Bank tax,.....	1,369 03
Literary Fund,.....	75 44
Received of County for support of County paupers,.....	285 43
Received of Wm P Frost, accumulated dividends on the George Frost Temperance Association Fund,.....	240 00
Received of the Treasurer of the Boston & Albany Railroad, dividends on the George Frost Temperance Association Fund.....	20 00
Received of Mark H Mathes, for rent of town wharves,.....	6 50
Received of Daniel Chesley, jr, for board of Wm K Chesley at N H Asylum for the Insane, to Jan 1, 1883,.....	54 02
Received of Mark H Mathes, for 5 old windows from the town building,	3 00
Received of John Drew, for use of hearse out of town,	2 00
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	\$7,887 70

TOWN OF DURHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER.

TOWN TO THE TREASURER DEBTOR FOR EXPENDITURES.

Paid Schools,.....	\$1,496 06
State tax,.....	1,640 00
County tax,.....	1,928 14
School house tax in part Dist No 1, for 1881,	31 48
School house tax in full Dist No 4, for 1881.	11 46
George Frost Temperance Association,.....	260 00
Damage by dogs for the year 1881, outstand- ing,.....	78 05
Damage by dogs for the year 1882,.....	50 75
Bounties,.....	13 30
Support of Poor,.....	449 79
Non Resident highway tax worked,.....	77 89
Roads and Bridges,.....	240 47
Outstanding Bills,.....	196 41
Breaking Roads,.....	114 51
General Expenses,.....	619 67
Repairs on town building,.....	186 73
Abatements in Collector's list for 1880,.....	8 59
“ “ “ 1881,.....	24 09
“ “ “ 1882,.....	22 52
Balance on Collector's list for 1881 outstand ing,.....	35 30
Balance on Collector's list for 1882 outstand- ing,.....	175 00
Auditors,.....	4 00
Cash in Treasury,.....	223 49
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	\$7,887 70

J. W. E. THOMPSON, Treasurer.

DURHAM, N. H., March 1, 1883.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Town Treasurer, and find them correctly cast, and all payments against the town properly vouched.

CHARLES E. HOITT, }
LUCIEN THOMPSON, } AUDITORS.

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1883.

*An approximate statement of the available funds and indebtedness of the town as estimated by the Selectmen and Treasurer, according to vouched claims and funds.

AVAILABLE FUNDS.

Outstanding in the Collector's list for 1881,.....	\$35 30
Outstanding in the Collector's list for 1882,.....	175 00
Arrearages due from the State for bounties paid in 1881 and 1882,.....	15 00
Cash in the Treasury,.....	223 49
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	\$448 79

INDEBTEDNESS.

Unpaid claims for damage by dogs payable April 1, 1883,	\$65 50
Excess of available funds over indebtedness,.....	\$283 29

* Mathematical precision impossible on account of future abatements in taxes outstanding on Collector's lists.

J. W. E. THOMPSON.

REPORT OF THE S. S. COMMITTEE,
—OF THE—
TOWN OF DURHAM,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

The Superintending School Committee of this Town respectfully presents the following report for the School Year 1882:

DISTRICT NO. 1.—This District was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Emma Clarke for the summer term, who improves with increased experience as every good teacher will.

I can renew the commendation of Miss Clarke that was expressed in the report of last year. The scholars were kept busy, and accomplished a good deal of work. The teacher was wholly in sympathy with her school; understanding the needs of it, and striving in an intelligent way to meet those needs, making the school a decided success.

The Winter term has been under the charge of Mr. Geo. Emerson, who has led the scholars through profitable work. High elements of fidelity and conscientious care have marked the instruction given by him. No effort has been made for mere display; the aims of teacher and scholars have been steady and uniform toward useful culture. A good spirit of honorable ambition and earnestness is displayed on the part of the scholars, and the promptness and correctness which marks the recitations, show they have all worked with a will. Such a school we should be proud of.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—The first two terms were taught by Miss Lizzie Thompson of this town, a young instructress. She evinced a lively interest in the work. In addition to the usual branches which were well instructed, she imparted much “general information,” rendering the school more interesting. Her pupils applied themselves with zeal to their studies, thereby making the school profitable to themselves and creditable to their teacher.

The teacher for the Winter term, Miss March, came to it a stranger, with some experience elsewhere, and with a high degree of wakeful energy, interested the scholars in their work, and on the whole is rarely surpassed by anyone in the same situation.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—The first term was taught by Miss Carrie Thompson, who seemed to have gained the good will of the scholars. With more attention to discipline, Miss Thompson might have been more successful. Of course, where there are but few scholars, the relation between teacher and pupils can be more familiar than in a school of much larger numbers, and the same kind of discipline is not in all its details, necessary or desirable.

The second term was taught by Miss Lydia Jenkins, a thorough disciplinarian; whose school was under firm control, and the improvement was very marked.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—The summer school, under the instruction of Miss Amelia Stevens, was judiciously managed and thoroughly instructed, making good progress.

The Winter term has been under the care of Mr. C. C. Haines. The instruction has been thorough and careful. He has taken great pains for the school to take a high standard of scholarship. The general tone of the school-room has been bracing and lively. He has made good use of the material placed in his hands. At the close, the readiness and thoroughness of the pupils were extremely gratifying. The manner of the pupils, and

their appearance in recitation, have completely changed for the better. Mr. Haines has succeeded in stamping the image of his own energy, promptness and earnestness upon his pupils.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Both the summer and winter schools were under the direction of Miss Lydia Jenkins, who has long been a teacher in town, constantly winning the love and respect of the scholars, as well as the regard of all who know her, by her character, scholarship, and most hearty devotion to the interests of whatever school she has in charge.

DISTRICT No. 7.—Miss Jennie Smith commenced the spring term under very favorable auspices, but unfortunately after teaching a few weeks, sickness prevented her finishing, and Miss Jennie Frink was engaged to fill the vacancy, which she did very ably. Her discipline was excellent. She excited and maintained the animation and interest of her pupils, who have, of course, made rapid progress. Miss Frink also taught the winter school. She manifested a great interest in her vocation, and the school was a success.

DISTRICT No. 8.—Both terms were taught by Miss Clara Batchelder. Although small in number, there existed throughout the year a pleasant relation between teacher and pupils. The children are of good natural ability, and at all times have been well behaved and studious. Miss Batchelder is a faithful teacher, and has prosecuted her labors with a good degree of success.

DISTRICT No. 10.—Each term was taught by Miss Alice Fogg, a resident of the District, and was her first experience in teaching. It was a very commendable beginning. At each of my visits Miss Fogg manifested much devotion to the interest of school. The school seemed under good control, and in good working order, and I believe gave good satisfaction. I failed to be present at the close of the last term, as I was not notified.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT No. 1.—First term, Mabel A. Pierson, Grace S. Ransom, Herbert F. Davis. Second term, Mabel A. Pierson, Grace S. Ransom, Mamie Young, Harry K. Titus, Forrest A. Ransom.

DISTRICT No. 2.—First term, Lizzie Jones. Second term, Lizzie Jones, Eugenia G. Ransom. Third term, George P. Emerson.

DISTRICT No. 3.—First term, Lizzie M. Meserve, Mattie D. Emerson, George P. Emerson. Second term, Lizzie M. Meserve, Mattie D. Emerson, Clarence Fowler, George P. Emerson.

DISTRICT No. 4.—First term, Mabel E. Bunker, Etta B. Bunker, Fred E. Bunker, Harry K. Titus. Second term, Mabel E. Bunker, Lillian Emerson, Flora B. Stevens, Fred Gammel, Harry K. Titus.

DISTRICT No. 5.—First term, Elvie A. Hutcherson, Ruth A. Wiswall, Gertie Green, Alfred Woodman. Second term, Elvie A. Hutcherson, James McKone, Alfred W. Woodman, Willie A. Tuttle.

DISTRICT No. 7.—First term, Anna M. Rand, C. Etta Kent, Susie N. Kent, Mabel A. Abbott, Mary E. Adams, John Page, Elmer L. Rand. Second term, Effie Kent.

DISTRICT No. 8.—First term, Wilnot D. Davis, Albert H. Davis, Mark E. Willey. Second term, Carrie E. Robinson, Hattie M. Robinson.

DISTRICT No. 10. First term, Frank H. Doeg.

GENERAL REMARKS.

It is certainly a matter for rejoicing, that it may be said, that all the schools in town during the year have done well; some of them exceedingly well.

Several of the schools had special exercises at the close of the term, to which parents and friends were invited. They were of great interest to the pupils, as

well as to teachers and parents, showing the value of such exercises in many ways.

Notwithstanding all the drawbacks under which our schools labor, there is certainly a manifest improvement in their condition compared with four years ago.

Lovers of education, like the husbandman, must wait before they can see the fruits of their measures and labors.

A feeling of pride in our schools begins to be evident; the pupils show a growing interest in good order and hard study, (with exceptions.) But some of our schools are too small, and during the long vacations between schools, much learned has been forgotten. Small schools are apt to be dull schools, they are too few for competition, to inspire effort; and a small school costs about as much as a larger one, unless a cheaper teacher is sought for the small school, meaning an inferior teacher, which is a great mistake. The question whether there might not be some practicable plan of consolidation has often exercised my mind. This plan, so extensively carried on in other towns, has proved beneficial to all concerned; the only objection is having a longer distance to go to reach the school house. But is it not worth while to make some sacrifice for these educational advantages which can be obtained without additional taxation? I would commend the subject to the several districts for their consideration.

There is need of improvement, and a wider interest in our schools. To this end I invite the aid of all fellow citizens.

In retiring from the office of Superintending School Committee, I wish to thank my friends who have so kindly co-operated in this noble work. I shall ever feel an interest in the welfare of our schools; each child, as it were, has a place in my heart, and I want to see a training which shall develop the noblest types of manhood and womanhood for the place and hour.

Respectfully submitted,

FORREST S. SMITH,

Sup't School Committee.

No. of District.	Name of Prudential Committee.	Name of Teacher.	No. of Terms.	No. of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Length of School in Weeks.	Wages per Month.	No. of Scholars not absent.
1	Samuel Rundlett, Jr.	Emma A. Clarke.	1	39	35	9	\$34	3
		Emma A. Clarke.	2	26	22	8	36	6
		George B. Emerson.	3	38	31	17	44	0
2	Wm. F. Jones.	Lizzie P. Thompson.	1	5	5	9	24	1
		Lizzie P. Thompson.	2	5	5	8	24	2
		Adelaide F. March.	3	6	6	13	32	1
3	Samuel Emerson.	Carrie E. Thompson.	1	9	9	7	20	3
		Lydia Jenkins.	2	11	11	10	24	7
4	John Bunker.	Amelia A. Stevens.	1	16	15	10	28	4
		Charles C. Haines.	2	24	22	14	33	5
5	Mrs. M. A. Pendergast.	Lydia Jenkins.	1	14	13	9	26	4
		Lydia Jenkins.	2	14	13	14	28	4
7	Mrs. A. M. Kent.	Jennie Frink.	1	28	28	8	28	7
		Jennie Frink.	2	31	31	15	28	1
8	Levi Davis.	Clara A. Batchelder.	1	12	11	8	24	3
		Clara A. Batchelder.	2	13	12	12	28	2
10	James H. Long.	Alice F. Fogg.	1	16	13	11	24	1
		Alice F. Fogg.	2	13	10	11	24	0

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